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## STORY SO FAR

After awakening into a dark and dangerous new world, reborn in the aftermath of Armageddon, Lady Death has once more become the Avatar of He Who Reaps. Acting on visions sent to her by Death himself, she has set forth, along with her blood-sister Vandala, on a quest to regather her companions, rescue her captive faithful servant Cremator, and prevent the coming of the Dark Millennium...

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AL HAIL NOCTURNE! AL HAIL THE NIGHTBRINGER!

I SAY  
THEE  
NAY!

IT IS I  
WHO SHOULD  
HAIL THOU, WHO  
HAVE ENDURED  
SO MANY AEONS,  
AWAITING  
DELIVERANCE.





I AM BUT  
THE HUMBLE  
EMISSARY  
OF THE EVER-  
LASTING DARK.  
COME TO DELIVER  
UNTO THOU THY  
BIRTHRIGHT --

-- THE  
BLESSING OF  
ABADDON,  
INCARNATION  
OF THE  
ABYSS!

EACH  
DAY, THE  
CLOAK ABADDON  
HAS CAST ACROSS  
THE EARTH GROWS,  
AND GROWS  
THICKER.

THE  
DAYS  
SHORTEN AS  
THE NIGHTS  
BECOME  
LONGER.

SOON,  
LIGHT WILL  
BECOME A THING  
OF THE PAST,  
LEAVING ONLY  
ETERNAL DARKNESS.  
OVER WHICH THOU  
CREATURES OF  
THE NIGHT SHALL  
RULE --

-- AND  
THE DARK  
MILLENNIUM  
SHALL  
BEGIN!

IT IS OUR  
DESTINY --

-- AND  
THERE ARE  
NONE WITH  
THE POWER  
TO CHANGE  
IT.



STOP  
RIGHT  
THERE.

YOU  
HAVE BEEN  
FOLLOWING  
US FOR THE  
PAST SEVERAL  
LEAGUES.

EXPLAIN  
YOURSELF.

A  
THOUSAND  
PARDONS, LADY;  
I MEANT NO  
OFFENSE.

'TIS  
SHAYD THEY  
CALL ME. I AM  
BUT A LONE  
TRAVELER.

AS  
THESE PARTS  
ARE RECKONED TO  
BE UNFRIENDLY TO  
SUCH AS MESELF,  
I BUT SOUGHT A  
BIT O' SAFETY IN  
NUMBERS --

-- BEIN'  
TOO  
COWARDLY  
TO APPROACH  
TWO SUCH FIERCE  
WARRIOR WOMEN  
AS YOURSELVES  
DIRECTLY.



MMMN-  
HM.

SURE AN  
LET'S NOT  
ALLOW A WEE  
MISUNDER-  
STANDIN'  
RUIN OUR  
DAY.

I'LL BE  
IN NEED OF  
HELP EATIN' THIS  
FINE PHEASANT  
AND EMPTYIN' MY  
WINESKIN.

REST  
YEESELVES,  
AND I WILL  
PREPARE OUR  
MEAL.

SHMPH

A MAN  
WHO  
COOKS.

AT  
LEAST WE  
ARE DEALING  
WITH NO  
ORDINARY  
THIEF.

VERY  
WELL

MORE  
LIKELY, AN  
ORDINARY THIEF  
HOPING TO  
PLUNDER OUR  
BELONGINGS AS  
WE SLEPT.

HE  
COULD BE  
TELLING THE  
TRUTH, YOU  
KNOW.

SHORTLY...

SHMMME:  
TRULY, FOOD  
FIT FOR THE  
GODS.

'T WAS A  
RECIPE GIVEN  
ME BY THE  
ROYAL COOK  
IN A SMALL  
KINGDOM CALLED  
KNED.

A  
WANDERER  
SUCH AS MESELF  
LEARNS MANY  
AN ODD OR  
USEFUL THING  
IN HIS  
TRAVELS.

INDEED?  
AND WHAT  
HAVE YOU  
HEARD OF ONE  
CALLED  
NOCTURNE?

A  
GREAT  
DEAL --

-- NONE  
OF IT GOOD  
FOR YE  
DIGESTION.

IT IS  
SHE WE SEEK,  
ALONG WITH  
CERTAIN MISSING  
COMRADES.

ACH, I  
CANNOT HELP  
YE THERE, LASS.  
NOCTURNE'S A WAY  
O' KEEPING TA  
HERSELF WHERE  
SHE KEEPS  
HERSELF, IF YE  
FOLLOW MY  
MEANIN'.

ENOUGH!

IT'S  
LONG SINCE  
TIME I SENT  
SORCEROUS  
PROBES INTO  
THE WORLD TO  
FIND THEM!

BUT  
WON'T SUCH  
A FLAGRANT  
DISPLAY OF  
POWER BETRAY  
OUR LOCATION TO  
NOCTURNE?

SO MUCH  
THE BETTER! LET  
HER COME TO ME,  
AND I WILL TORTURE  
CREMATOR'S WHERE  
ABOUTS FROM HER  
SHRIEKING  
THROAT!

BY  
THIS LIGHT  
NOW UNBOUND  
LET THE  
LOST ...

-- NOW  
BE  
FOUND

BEYING THEIR  
MISTRESSES'  
COMMAND,  
FINGERS OF MYSTIC  
LIGHT SEARCH THE  
GLOBE --

-- WHILE IN A  
HIDDEN  
FORTRESS, THE  
UNSPEAKABLE  
CONTINUES...

WITCH!  
HARLOT!

AHAHAHAHA!

THOU  
POOR  
WRETCHED  
BRUTE

THE  
WORDS TO  
DESCRIBE MY  
TRUE NATURE  
ARE NOT EVEN  
IN THY VOCABULARY.

FEAR NOT,  
CREMATOR,  
THY SUFFERING  
SHALL SOON  
BE OVER --

-- ONCE  
I HAVE  
FINISHED  
DRAINING THE  
LIVING FLAME  
FROM THY  
BODY.

FOR ONCE THE RAYS  
OF THE SUN ARE  
ABOLISHED, THE  
CREATURES OF THE  
NIGHT WILL RULE  
THIS WORLD --

-- AND  
THAT WHICH  
FLOWS IN YOUR  
VEINS SHALL  
BE MY MEANS OF  
CONTINUING  
TO RULE OVER  
THEM.

SPIZZ

SZZAK

MILADY...?

AH, IT  
WOULD SEEM  
THY PATRON  
HAS AWAKENED  
FROM HER LONG  
SLUMBER, AND NOW  
SEEKS YOU OUT.

I FEAR I  
MUST BREW  
HER A CUP OF  
MOST BITTER  
DISAPPOINTMENT.

IT IS  
DONE.

DO  
YOU KNOW  
HOW LONG  
IT WILL BE  
BEFORE...

DIFFICULT  
TO SAY. THE  
SEARCHERS WILL  
RETURN TO ME IN  
THEIR OWN TIME.

WE  
MAY AS WELL  
CONTINUE  
OUR JOURNEY  
UNTIL THEN.

HMM...

HO,  
VASSAGO!  
TAKE ME HIGHER,  
AWAY FROM THE  
STENCH  
OF DESPAIR  
THAT LAYS UPON  
THIS LAND!

BEGGIN'  
YE PARDON,  
LADY, BUT TIS  
THAT STRICTLY  
NECESSARY...?

!URPBT!

BY  
ALL THE  
GODS...!

IT IS THE  
BLACK KNIGHT  
FROM DEATH'S  
VISION.

HUP!

!SIGH!  
THERE SHE  
GOES,  
CHARGING OFF  
HEADLONG  
AGAIN.

YOU'D  
THINK I'D  
BE USED  
TO IT BY  
NOW...





BE AT  
PEACE,  
LITTLE  
ONE --

-- AND  
MAY THE  
FATES  
FORGIVE  
ME FOR --



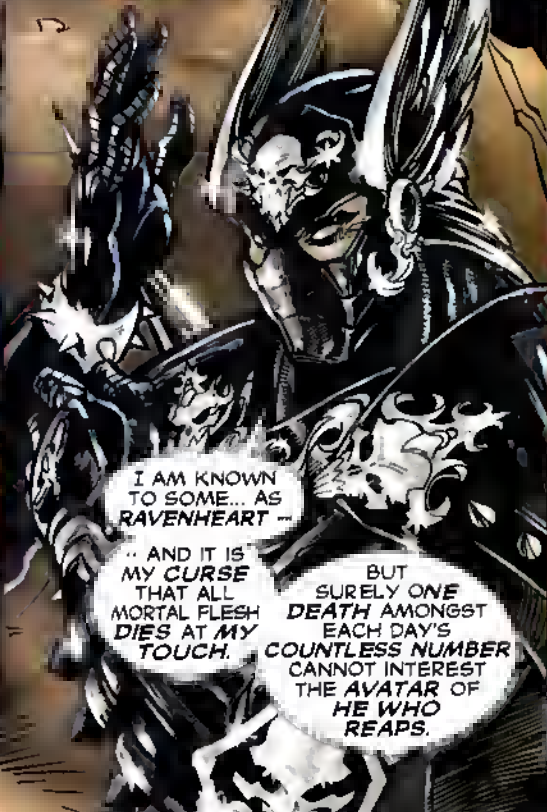
YOU,  
WARRIOR  
IN EBON;  
WHO ARE  
YOU, AND  
WHAT --



PLAGUE...

AYE  
OF THE  
WORST  
SORT.

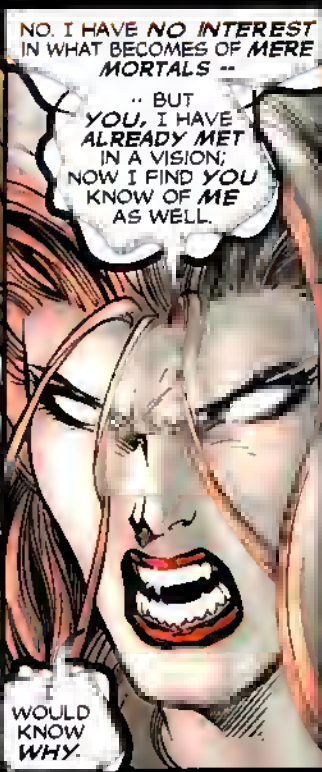
I COULD  
OFFER HIM  
NO AID SAVE  
THE MERCY OF  
OBLIVION.



I AM KNOWN  
TO SOME... AS  
RAVENHEART --

-- AND IT IS  
MY CURSE  
THAT ALL  
MORTAL FLESH  
DIES AT MY  
TOUCH.

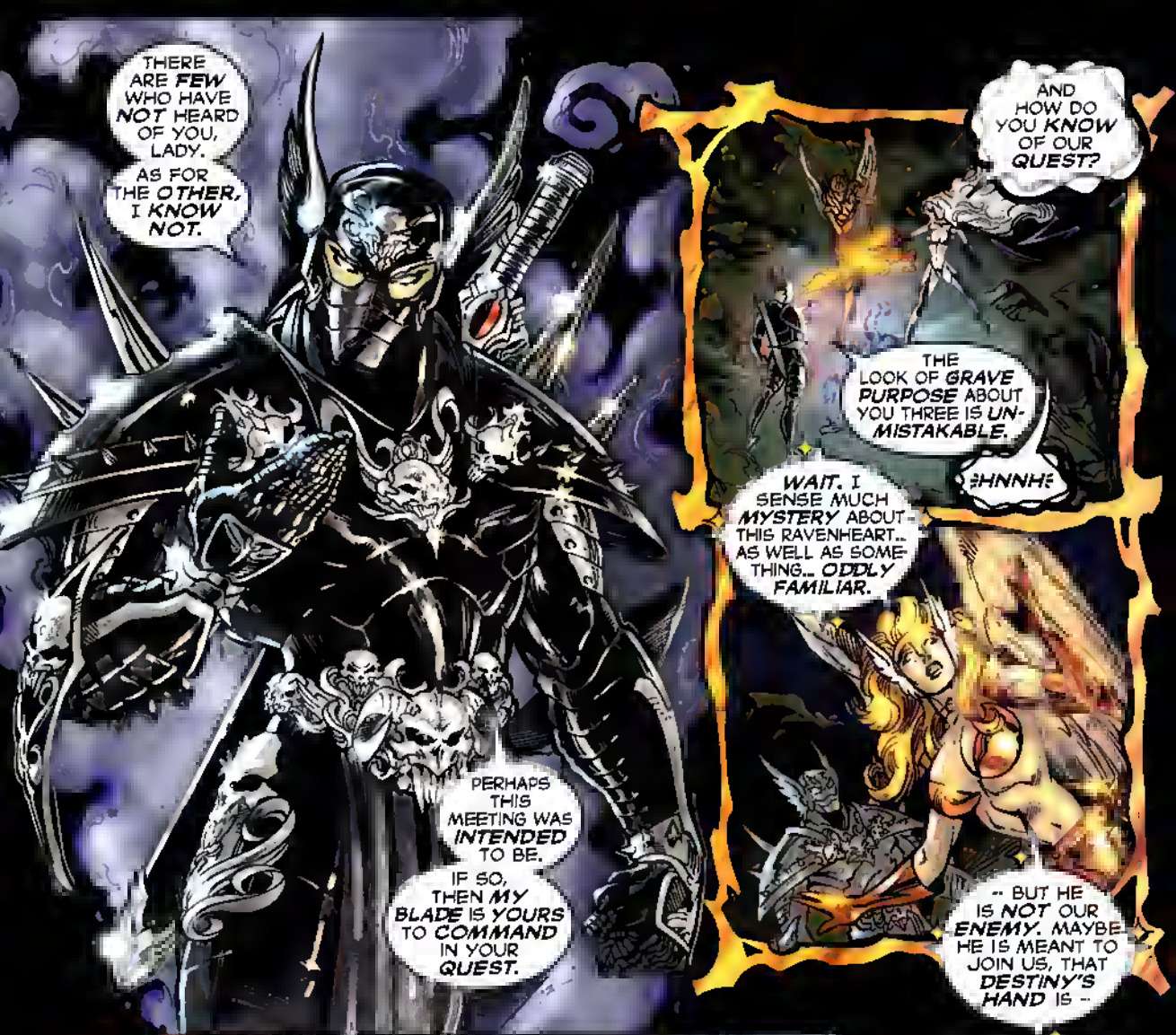
BUT  
SURELY ONE  
DEATH AMONGST  
EACH DAY'S  
COUNTLESS NUMBER  
CANNOT INTEREST  
THE AVATAR OF  
HE WHO REAPS.



NO. I HAVE NO INTEREST  
IN WHAT BECOMES OF MERE  
MORTALS --

-- BUT  
YOU, I HAVE  
ALREADY MET  
IN A VISION;  
NOW I FIND YOU  
KNOW OF ME  
AS WELL.

I  
WOULD  
KNOW  
WHY.



THERE  
ARE FEW  
WHO HAVE  
NOT HEARD  
OF YOU,  
LADY.  
AS FOR  
THE OTHER,  
I KNOW  
NOT.

AND  
HOW DO  
YOU KNOW  
OF OUR  
QUEST?

THE  
LOOK OF GRAVE  
PURPOSE ABOUT  
YOU THREE IS UN-  
MISTAKABLE.

SHNNH

WAIT. I  
SENSE MUCH  
MYSTERY ABOUT  
THIS RAVENHEART...  
AS WELL AS SOME-  
THING... ODDLY  
FAMILIAR.

PERHAPS  
THIS  
MEETING WAS  
INTENDED  
TO BE.  
IF SO,  
THEN MY  
BLADE IS YOURS  
TO COMMAND  
IN YOUR  
QUEST.

-- BUT HE  
IS NOT OUR  
ENEMY. MAYBE  
HE IS MEANT TO  
JOIN US, THAT  
DESTINY'S  
HAND IS --



PHAUUGH

FATE!  
DESTINY!

HOW I  
DESPISE  
THOSE WORDS,  
AND ALL THEY  
STAND  
FOR!

HE  
MAY JOIN  
US, IF HE SO  
DESIRES --

-- SO  
LONG AS I  
DO NOT HAVE  
TO LISTEN  
TO ANY MORE  
SUCH  
TALK!

AH,  
LADY, THOUGH  
THE COSMOS  
ITSELF BE REMADE,  
YOU REMAIN  
TRUE TO YOUR-  
SELF...



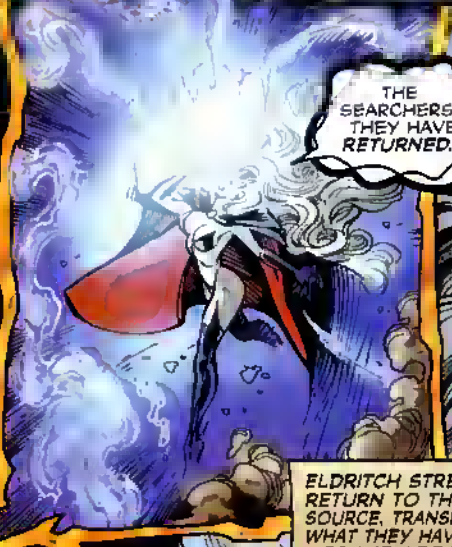
BEG PARDON?

IT WAS NOTHING

HAVE WE MET BEFORE, SIR KNIGHT?

IN A... PREVIOUS LIFE, PERHAPS.

FORGIVE ME. I SPEND MUCH OF MY TIME ALONE, AND SOMETIMES HOLD CONVERSATIONS WITH MYSELF, POOR COMPANY THOUGH THAT I MAY BE.



THE SEARCHERS... THEY HAVE RETURNED...

ELDRITCH STREAMS RETURN TO THEIR SOURCE, TRANSFERRING WHAT THEY HAVE SEEN TO LADY DEATH...

OH, NO SIGN OF AZRAEL IS TO BE FOUND.

SADLY, HE MUST HAVE PERISHED IN THE FALL OF HEAVEN.



CREMATO- HE LIVES!

THOUGH FOR HOW MUCH LONGER, I CANNOT SAY...

CURSED NOCTURNE!

SHE HAS TAMPERED WITH MY PROBE, STRIPPING ITS MEMORY OF HER LOCATION!

BROCK AND GRIMMIR... BESET BY A HOST OF DEMONS...

QUICKLY! THERE MAY STILL BE TIME TO SAVE THEM!

TAPPING HER CHAOS-FORGED BLADE'S POWER, LADY DEATH CLEAVES A RIFT IN SPACE AND TIME --

.. OPENING A PORTAL  
STRAIGHT INTO THE  
MIDST OF THE CARNAGE.

LADY  
DEATH!

HYAAAAH!  
BACK,  
FOUL  
SPAWN OF  
THE PIT!

TO  
BATTLE! WE  
MUST NOT LET  
HER FACE THIS  
EVIL HORDE  
ALONE!

THE  
PALE QUEEN  
WOULD SEEM  
TO HAVE  
MATTERS WELL  
IN HAND...

ACH, BUT  
THEN WE'D  
MISS THE FUN  
O' KILLIN'  
DEMONS,  
ME LAD!

SUCH  
INNOCENCE.  
TO FIND  
SPORT IN  
SLAUGHTER.

THESE  
TWO ARE  
UNDER MY  
PROTECTION!

JACK!

AW,  
C'MON KID,  
DON'T TELL ME  
YOU DIDN'T KNOW  
SHE'D COME  
THROUGH FER US  
IN THE NICK  
O' TIME.

HEY,  
NEW OUT-  
FIT. I LIKE  
IT! WOOO-  
HOOO!

SKR  
CH  
UP

I'LL  
GIVE YE THIS,  
GRIM ONE .. 'TIS A  
LONG TIME SINCE  
I'VE BEEN CALLED  
INNOCENT.

HOORAY  
FOR THE  
CAVALRY!

A  
MOMENT,  
LADY, IF YOU  
PLEASE...

I'VE  
HEARD RUMORS  
THAT NOCTURNE  
HAS SOUGHT  
ALLIANCE WITH THE  
NEW LORD OF  
DEMONS - AND  
BEEN REFUSED.

MIGHT  
WE HAVE A  
POTENTIAL -  
IF UNLIKELY -  
ALLY  
HERE?

DEMON  
SCUM!  
I  
DEMAND  
TO SPEAK  
WITH YOUR  
LORD!

SHORTLY...

I  
PRESENT  
YOU TO HIS  
INFERNAL  
MAJESTY,  
PRINCE OF  
AGONY --

ASTEROTH?

HIYA  
TOOTS.  
WHEET  
WHEOOO

That whirl  
Death rhanneled  
through Arael  
came to pass as  
propheced.

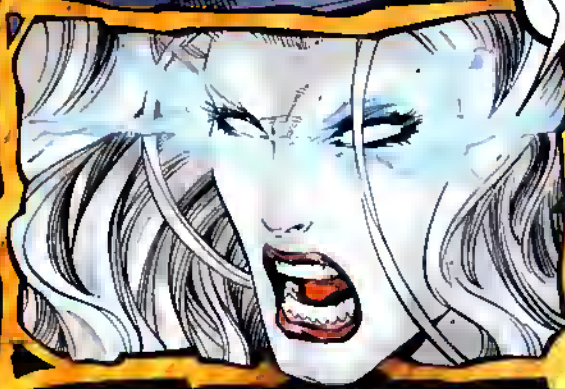
My role  
in the destruction  
of heaven restored  
my status and  
honor amongst  
demonkind.

When  
they learned  
Lucifer had  
suffered the final  
death, they begged  
me to take the  
throne.

PAGAN,  
YOU BASTARD  
SCION OF PUS-  
SUCKING  
BLOODWORMS!  
I'LL SEE YOU SUFFER  
AGONIES BEYOND  
DESCRIPTION FOR  
WHAT YOU DID TO  
MY NAMELESS  
WOLF!

Stay  
your hand,  
whitemane! I  
command  
it!

I'll see no  
more demonic  
blood shed today --  
especially not  
by you.



YOU  
PRESUME  
TO GIVE ME  
ORDERS?

LEST YOU  
FORGET,  
ASTEROOTH, YOU  
ARE BOUND BY  
YOUR OWN VOW  
TO SERVE ME  
UNTIL THE END  
OF TIME!

Ah, but  
with the coming  
of Armageddon, time  
has ended and begun  
anew. I have fulfilled  
my oath, and am  
released from it.

The  
slate between  
us is wiped  
clean.

I FIND YOUR  
REASONING FLAWED,  
ILLOGICAL AND SELF-  
SERVING; HOWEVER, I  
WILL ACCEPT YOUR  
ARGUMENT ON TWO  
CONDITIONS:

FIRST,  
PAGAN MUST  
BE PUNISHED FOR  
HIS TRANSGRESSIONS,  
EVEN IF IT MEANS  
WE MUST BATTLE  
ONE ANOTHER  
AGAIN.

SECOND,  
YOU WILL TELL  
ME ALL THAT  
YOU KNOW OF  
THE SORCERESS  
NOCTURNE.

Ha! Ha! Ha! You speak of  
presumption, even as  
you make demands  
of me, here at the heart  
of the Demonic  
Nation.

However,  
your wolves were  
indeed fine beasts;  
the only creatures in  
your court for whom  
I had any  
respect.

WHAT?!

BOSS,  
YOU CAN'T  
DO THIS TO  
ME!

I WASN'T  
THERE! I  
WAS FRAMED!  
I WAS ONLY  
FOLLOWING...

That he  
still parades  
around in the skin  
of the one he killed  
offends my  
sensibilities.

So long  
as no blood is  
spilled, I will not  
stand against his  
chastisement.

SKRAAHH

IF THE  
DOG SO COVETS  
WOLF'S CLOTHING,  
LET HIM THEN  
WEAR IT FOR-  
EVERMORE!

BHUARK!  
HRWOOF!

AW, NO...  
NOW I'M  
GONNA NEED A  
WHOLE NEW  
WARDROBE... NOT  
TO MENTION  
WALKIES TWICE  
A DAY...

HaHaHa  
HaHa!

Ah, Lady...  
my admiration for  
your viciousness is  
exceeded only by the  
seething hatred I  
bear for you.

NOCTURNE.

Very Well.  
I've no love for the  
unholy slut, and few  
things entertain me  
more than watching  
my enemies attempt to  
slay each other.

She  
arose soon after the  
creation of the world,  
during the confusion  
before the current nations  
and tribes were  
formed.

Despite  
the clan wars of the  
creatures of the night,  
she succeeded in uniting  
them into a fanatic  
religious cult, offering  
them a common  
cause.

She guards the  
location of her temple  
closely: all my spies  
have learned is that it lies  
somewhere on the other  
side of Armageddon's  
grave --

-- and that  
she formed an  
alliance with the  
their-damned  
Purgatori's Scarlet  
Dynasty.

This  
audience has  
gone on too long  
for me to  
stomach; now  
begone!

Leave my  
domain before  
I change my mind  
and have you all  
roasted and  
eaten!

WITH  
PLEASURE.

Squish  
Squish

SOME MOMENTS  
AND THOUSANDS OF  
LEAGUES LATER...

YE  
GODS.

THERE.

THE GRAVE OF  
ARMAGEDDON.



BY ODIN  
I'VE NEVER  
FELT SUCH...  
SUCH...

TRUST  
ME, SISTER --  
'TIS BUT A PALE  
MEMORY OF WHAT  
IT WAS LIKE WHEN  
THE FIEND LIVED.



BLASPHEMERS!  
THOU  
WILL PAY FOR  
DESECRATING  
MY FATHER'S  
GRAVE!

SKRAATHOOM



SHZAAK  
SHZAAK

LAUGH!

UNGHK!

KRAKAAAM



HER  
FATHER'S...?

GIBBLE-  
GIBBLE-  
GIBBLE  
LA!  
LA!  
LA!

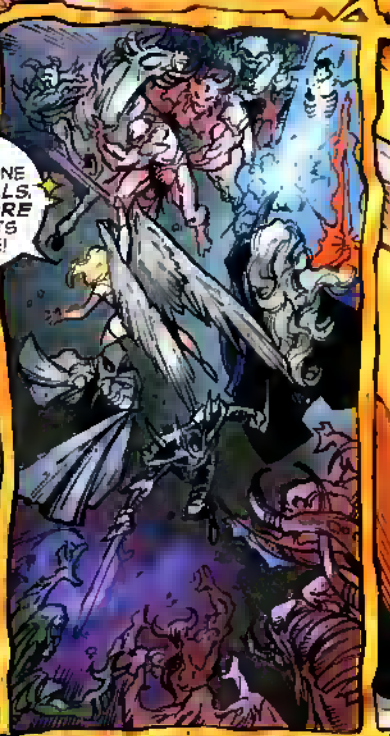
HSSST!

NOCTURNE'S  
LEGIONS! WE'RE  
SURROUNDED!

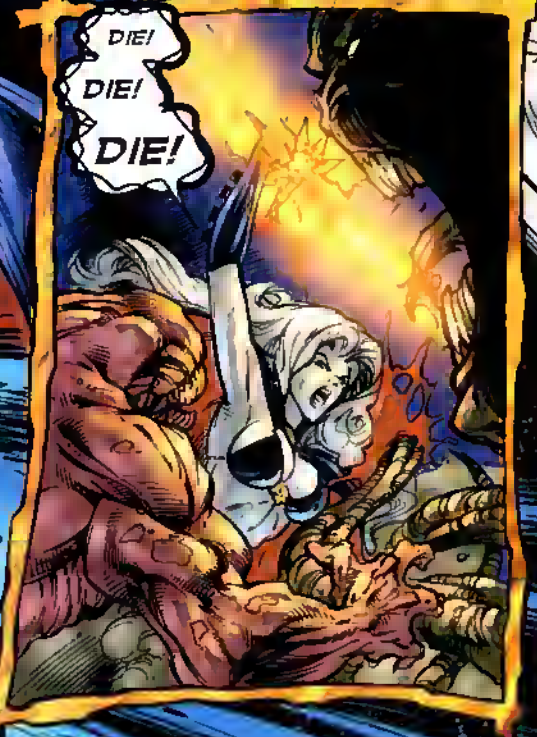



VERMIN  
OF THE  
DARK!

FOR  
EVERY ONE  
THAT FALLS,  
SIX MORE  
TAKE ITS  
PLACE!



DIE!  
DIE!  
DIE!





THERE  
MUST BE  
THOUSANDS  
OF THEM!

THEN  
SLAY THEM  
ALL IF NEED  
BE!

WE MUST  
NOT BE  
DETERRED  
FROM --

UNGBHHG!

HEE-  
HEEHEE-  
HEE!

Next  
**Dark Victory**

# LAST WRITES

Dear Fiends,

We here at Chaos! know that LADY DEATH is the Queen of the Dead and Dying, the Diva of Death and the Avar of He Who Reaps. We know that she destroyed both Heaven and Hell. We know of her indomitable spirit and Iron will, but there's something, my friends, we don't know. That is... what we're going to name Lady Death's letters page for the year 2000. It's your call fiends. You tell us. What I'm asking you to do is twofold. First, name this page so that as we proceed through this (Dark) millennium year we'll have a cool place to put fiend commentary. The second request is to fill this page all year long with qualitative, clearly written and thought provoking letters. Oh, and if you think Chaos! would ask for something without an offering in return, you're mistaken. The incentive for sharpening your pencils and putting your thoughts to the page will be rewarded. Here's our offer... all of those who get their letter printed in Lady Death comics throughout the year will receive a Lady Death: Dark Millennium #1 signed premium edition. As for naming the letter's page. The fiend who comes up with the name will receive a Lady Death 12" action figure and see the title that he or she comes up with in Lady Death's upcoming series: The Tribulation! So, go to it. We're all in this Dark Millennium together.

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#### Here's a letter from Robert Hall to kick things off.

Dear Chaos! Comics,

Armageddon arrived and the Chaos! Era ended in a blinding flash of light. Yet nature abhors a vacuum and perhaps existence abhors it as well. Through mathematical equations and the mystical energies wielded by Lord Chaos! the second Chaos! Era is heralded in. In *Aftermath #1* we are introduced to the playing field and several of the key players. If *Aftermath* ended with a whimper, Lady Death Dark Millennium started off with a bang!

As I read the first few pages where the traveler is killed by Lady Death's Protector, her sole remaining Nameless Wolt, and saw that soon after Death appears, I wondered if the traveler's death, was required to bring Death to awaken the Lady? In

essence was the traveler's soul being released the equivalent of the tolling of the bell signaling the appointed hour?

Seems like that doesn't it.

Once the mantle was passed to Lady Death, Death gives her a grand tour of how things stand in this world. Lady Death's nemesis, Purgatori, still lives. I should have realized that she wouldn't have been killed so easily. Several times we have seen Lady Death and Purgatori do battle, I know that it will happen again. Will Purgatori finally be victorious when they meet again?

We'll see. Needless to say, where Purgatori's concerned, it's difficult to kill a Goddess! I'm willing to bet they'll meet again.

Asteroth and Séance together?!?! That combination spells trouble in capital letters! Lady Death has proven that she can defeat Asteroth. Séance however adds a whole different twist to such a battle. Whenever I have seen Séance, I have always been struck by the thought that he chose to work for Lucifer, for a reason that only Séance knows. For some reason Séance always seemed to be almost beyond Lucifer's control. Could his knowledge of arcane magick along with the sheer strength and power of Asteroth prove to be more than even the Lady can handle?

Again, we'll see. One thing for sure is that the triumvirate of Asteroth, Séance and the meddling, always scheming, Pagan are a dangerous three. As you'll see in this issue, they don't always see eye to eye. Are they trouble...yes, T-R-O-U-B-L-E!

The Archangel Michael, is still alive, and the surviving angels trying to rebuild the Silver City. Once Lady Death's existence is known, surely the remaining angelic host will come after her. For they definitely will not forget that it was Lady Death who destroyed Heaven. What will happen when these two, Lady Death and Michael, meet again? Will we see a union that is needed to save the newly created Universe or a battle that only one will walk away from.

There are certainly some intriguing story opportunities available to us here. I wonder where this situation will lead? Can't tell. Sorry.

Also what of the black knight? Who could that be? Someone that we have never seen before, or someone that may have been recreated slightly different? I would have to say that the child that he holds, is the cause of either his grief or the curse that seems to hover around him. I do find it interesting that everything around him is

dead. Could it be that Death himself has competition, a younger newer version of the Reaper?

So many questions that I just can't answer...yet.

The writing of Brian Pulido and Len Kaminski has a way of drawing you in and holding your attention. Ivan Reis' artwork is stunningly beautiful and detailed. The variant cover by Dorian Cleavenger is breathtaking.

This I can speak about. Thank you for mentioning these guys. Indeed the creative team on the Lady Death books do a fantastic job, and I as the managing editor would like to acknowledge them with you Robert. Thank you to Len, Ivan, Joe, Roy and Oscar for the spectacular work you guys do as regular artists on Lady Death! We appreciate it at Chaos! and it looks like our fans are your fans also.

When Lady Death Dark Millennium shipped to my local comic store, I was fortunate to be working that day. The first thing I did that morning was to find this issue and quickly read through it. I had almost the same feeling that I did when I first read that very first issue of Chaos! Comics (Lady Death: Between Heaven and Hell #3), this book was like coming home. So much so that I bought several copies and gave them away, with nothing but the following words; "Take it home, read it and give it a try. If you like it get the rest, if not you aren't out anything." I can happily say that we have several new customers waiting for #2.

Ahhh, to please a new fan. The feeling must be similar to Lucifer tempting a new soul.

Still sworn in the year 2000,

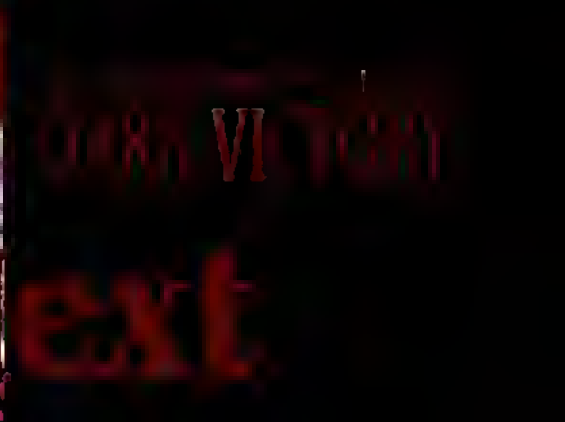
Robert Hall- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

This letter just goes to show all you fiends that there's plenty to write about. Question, upon question, upon question. This year is gonna be fun.

#### A Void in the Chaos! Universe

Sadly we here at Chaos! were informed that a very devoted fan named Christopher Kagey tragically passed away on November 24 of 1999. True to the way he lived, his family honored him at the funeral by celebrating his life in a fashion that would suit him. They played the music he loved and because, "he would have never worn a suit," he was dressed in his, "black jeans that he'd drawn skeletons and graves all over and his Chaos! Have a psychotic day" T-shirt. We'll miss this fiend. Our thoughts are with his friends and family. Rest in Peace Chris.

Thank you to his good friend Steven Bertagnolli for letting us know.



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YOUR MONTHLY NEWS SOURCE ON ALL THINGS CHAOS! -FEBRUARY '00

## from the crypt

Did you catch it? Were you there?

On February 4, 2000, the Cyber Fiends- the official on-line Chaos! fan group - launched an entirely fiend-managed web-site inside of Chaoscomics.com (located at [chaoscomics.com/cyberfiends](http://chaoscomics.com/cyberfiends)). There was a chat with yours truly, a wild give away contest and lots of madness. Yes, the lunatics have taken over the asylum, and all with my blessing.

If you did miss it, check in now. The Cyber Fiends site is an ongoing, ever expanding site with monthly columns, chats, previews and more by the fiends for the fiends (and if you want to get involved e-mail Dave Ballance at [cyberfiends@Chaoscomics.com](mailto:cyberfiends@Chaoscomics.com)).

February 4th also kicked off a new era of fiend related activities here at Chaos! for starters, our letters columns return in all of our February titles (so write us a letter! Do up a pin up, photograph a tattoo, send us hot shots of your girlfriend dressed as a Chaos! character or e-mail us at [service@chaoscomics.com](mailto:service@chaoscomics.com). Heck, we'll even give you a prize for doing it!).

Next up - more chats - we've tweaked our chat room to handle more fiends and through the Cyber Fiends, we will have chats frequently. Check their home page for info.

We'll also be featuring on line interviews almost every week, so don't forget to stop in. Get to know creators like Ivan Reis, David Brewer and others. See what's coming up with Eternal toys head honcho, Gregg Pisani (and learn about our action figure line from Art Asylum's Digger). Lots of people work to make the Chaos!, kiddies and I want you to meet them.

Contest. Contests! CONTESTS! In our comics and on line we will feature bigger and better contests. Details to follow, but expect big prizes!

ON LINE EVENTS! (more on this next month)

And finally (for this month anyway) on-line polls. Let your voice be heard as we ask you the big questions - who would win in a fight - Lady Death or Purgatori? Who is your favorite Lady Death artist? Favorite colorist? We'll ask, you let us know and we'll post the results.

That's a taste of Chaos! fienddom for the near future and I'm psyched! Fun is the name of the game and we're gonna have a lot!

Swoon To Chaos!

-Brian Pulido

## The Low Down

It wasn't the end of the world as we know it, and we still feel fine! It's been the year 2000 for over 30 days now, and we figured it was high time to let loyal Fiends in on just what you can expect to see from Chaos! in the days ahead. First off, one thing will always be the same - our commitment to you, the Fiends who make all of this possible. Without your support and feedback, we'd all be slingin' hash at a burger joint somewhere. Seriously, from the bottom of our black hearts, thanks for sticking with us on the ride - without you all, it just wouldn't have been the same.

And now, on with the Y2K show!

### Dark Millennium is Here!

Y2K didn't bite us in the ass, but be sure Fiends, Chaos! Dark Millennium is sure enough going to kick it in the coming year!

Aftermath has come, and Lady Death: Dark Millennium has kicked off, with Purgatori: Empire and Lady Demon coming close behind. But wait- what's cookin' in this brave new world of Chaos!? Simple, really - remember how everything with our protagonists was moving toward the light at the end of Armageddon? Time to head the other direction. This ain't called the Dark Millennium for nothing, Fiends!

Throughout the year and through the various storylines of Chaos! miniseries, look for Nocturne and Abaddon to play large roles in the coming darkness. Nocturne finds allies among the vilest of the Chaos! denizens - Pagan, the trickster who killed one of Lady Death's nameless wolves the last time we saw him. He will form an allegiance with a certain blood goddess, and

we'll be off to the races.

Also, as the various players realize they're not alone in this new world, some old scores will need to be settled - producing outcomes that you never saw coming!

As an extra special feature of 2000, Brian himself will be writing an original series set in a new part of this strange universe. We'll let him take it for a second on this yet-untitled series, scheduled for a summer, 2000 release.

"It's a supernatural story of redemption that centers on a man with a dark and incredibly violent past who has turned away from his dark side to embrace a peaceful life," Brian says. "Something unspeakable happens, and as he finds his wife dead and himself at death's door, he claws his way back to life for one purpose - to free his wife's soul. Little does he know that to do that, he'll not only have to battle an ancient menace, but also embrace that darkness he thought he'd given up forever."

"People haven't seen me do a personal story since Chastity: Theater of Pain. When I've done the seminal stories of Evil Ernie, Lady Death, Purgatori and Chastity, they've all made an impact on readers. This will be the first time in a long time where I get to sit alone in a room and write a story. This story will look at where I'm at in some regards - looking at darkness and redemption. I invite you all to join me on the trip."

### Eternal Toys in Y2K

While Eternal Toys got off to a slightly bumpy start in '99 with shipping and pro-

duction delays, we've learned some lessons and promise that 2000 will be the year of Eternal. Want some for instances? Try these on for size:

The Vandala miniature bust should be hitting shops and the Chaos! online store by late March. Sculpted by consummate artist Sam Greenwell, this miniature bust is the perfect addition to your growing Chaos! collection. Then in April, be sure to check out the Smiley Button, the perfect way to remember Ernie, now that he's (sniff) gone . . . rest in peace, buddy.

Also in April, keep your eyes out for The Reaper miniature bust (sculpted by Sam as well). Then in May the Chaos! pewter set, (featuring Lady Death and her Female Villains, many in 3D for the first time) and our personal favorite - the 12" long replica of Lady Death's sword, Darkness!, perfect for opening letters or intimidating the legions of Hell who seek to hold you back. This gem of a collector's item is just the latest in our commitment to bring what you see on the comic page to full, three-dimensional life, as well as the first in a series of swords including Nightmare and Apocalypse! And definitely keep an eye out for the Body Bags selection of Chaos! figures - Smiley, Lil Chastity and Lil Ernie, all in beanbag form! They'll kick your other bean bags' asses, no doubt!

Also in May, The Dark Alliance Action Figure Assortment - Purgatori, Jade, Lucifer, and Chastity, all designed by the lunatics over at Art Asylum! The Lady Demon statue ships in June, again sculpted by Sam. This gem of an art piece shows Lady Demon admiring herself in a mirror, and hey, who wouldn't want it when she's sculpted like that?

Also in June, look for Insane Clown Posse 12" action figures from Eternal, designed by Sam Greenwell, and crafted to resemble their likenesses in The Pendulum! For July, Lady Death/Purgatori bookends. For August, a Chastity sculp-

ture, featuring her vampire nemesis Jade, is in the works. And that's barely scratching the surface - 2000 is the year of Eternal! So keep your eyes peeled right here and at [www.eternaltoys.com](http://www.eternaltoys.com) and [www.chaoscomics.com](http://www.chaoscomics.com) for the scoop on upcoming cool Eternal loot!

### Cyber Fiends Come Home!

This month marks the beginning of a new era in Cyber Fienddom. Located at [www.chaoscomics.com/cyberfiends/](http://www.chaoscomics.com/cyberfiends/) the Cyber Fiend web site has been incorporated as a new section of the Chaos! web site. The section was created, written and is maintained by the Cyberfiends and includes interviews, reviews, guest editorials, chats and more. The move, spearheaded by long time Chaos! fiends Dave Ballance and Judy Evers along with Cyber Fiend vice president, Ted Kane, is intended to give Cyber Fiends greater visibility among Chaos! fiends and greater access to the goings on of the company.

"For the fiends, by the fiends", quipped Cyber Fiend president, Dave Ballance. "This move will give fiends a whole new level of interaction with Chaos!, giving us all a better look at what's happening inside from a fiend point of view. It will also allow us to be seen and heard by Chaos! and the rest of the fiends in a way we have never been before." The new section will also feature giveaways, contests and a number of other promotions that will put cool stuff in fiends' hands, for free! "I'm excited about this," added Chaos! Publisher Brian Pulido. "For me, it's always been about the fiends so when Dave and Judy came to me with this it was a no brainer, that's what it's all about."

Check out the interviews and reviews, or get on the Cyber Fiend mailing list at [www.chaoscomics.com/cyberfiends](http://www.chaoscomics.com/cyberfiends). Or email the Cyber Fiends directly at [cyberfiends@chaoscomics.com](mailto:cyberfiends@chaoscomics.com).

## the chaos! to come checklist

Enjoy life. Read comics more often! After all, who among us can get through the week without a certain amount of Chaos!? Be the first on your block to own the complete set of Chaos! Comics.

### February 2000

- Lady Demon #1 (of 3) \$2.95
- Lady Death: Dark Millennium #2 (of 3) \$2.95
- Lady Death vs. Vampirella II \$3.50
- Lady Death Poster \$7.95
- Lady Demon Poster \$7.95

### March 2000

- Lady Demon #2 (of 3) \$2.95
- Lady Death: Dark Millennium #3 (of 3) \$2.95
- Stone Cold Steve Austin Trade Paperback vol. 1 \$12.95
- Purgatori vs. Vampirella \$3.50
- Insane Clown Posse: The Pendulum #1 (of 2) \$5.95

### April 2000

- Lady Demon #3 (of 3) \$2.95
- Purgatori: Empire #1 (of 3) \$2.95
- Purgatori: Collected Editions Vol. I \$5.95

## Fiend Alert

Notice Chaos! Comics selling out quickly?

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